

Claims 1-4 and 6-11 stand rejected under 35 § U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anand, *et al.* (US Patent No. 5,710,900, hereinafter “Anand”) in view of Walker, *et al.* (US Patent No. 6,064,987, hereinafter “Walker”).

Claims 5 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anad in view of Walker as applied to claims 1 and 8 above, and further in view of Melchione, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,930,764, 7/27/99).

With respect to the rejection of independent claims 1 and 8, the Office Action states that Anand does not disclose relating “data maintained independently from the host site and input by a user with the user’s billing and inventory data for display as part of a requested report.” Applicants agree. However, the Office Action states that this limitation may be found in Walker. Applicant’s disagree and respectfully traverse this rejection for the following reasons.

First, while Fig. 11 of Walker graphically includes the text instruction “ENTER YOUR PIN NUMBER TO AUTHORIZE TRANSACTION,” PIN Number is nowhere defined in Walker. To assert that this teaches that the PIN Number is “data” credits Walker with teaching something Walker does not teach.

Second, the Office Action states that in Fig. 12 of Walker “the statement as a report relates the PIN number to the customer name and account number, the input user for selecting payment, and the user’s billing and inventory data as part of the report where the PIN is the data maintained independently from the host site...” Walker, however, does not teach any of this. Nowhere does Walker teach any use of the PIN. Walker does not even define “PIN,” Walker does not teach that the PIN is “data,” and Walker teaches nothing about where the “data” is maintained.

Third, the Office Action cites Figs. 3 and 4 of Walker in support of the proposition that the absence of a PIN database in the figures demonstrates that the PIN is data that is maintained independently from the host site. Even if we were to assume that Walker teaches that the PIN is data (which Walker does not teach) and that Walker teaches that the data is related with other data (which Walker also does not teach), it

cannot be assumed that Walker teaches that the data is maintained independently from the host site merely because Walker does not include a PIN database in Figs. 3 and 4. Nowhere does Walker state that Figs. 3 and 4 depict *all* components of a host site, nor does Walker teach that the data is *not included* in one of the pictured databases. To assert that Walker does teach this credits Walker with teaching something Walker does not teach. Thus, Walker does not teach relating “data maintained independently from the host site and input by a user with the user’s billing and inventory data for display as part of a requested report,” and claims 1 and 8 are believed to be patentable, at least for these reasons.

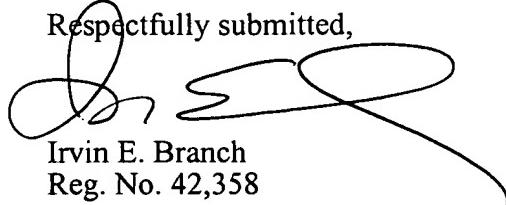
Additionally, the Office Action cites no motivation to combine Anand with Walker to reject claims 1-4 and claims 6-11. The Office Action apparently relies on Official Notice for this motivation. Thus, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection on these additional grounds and request an express showing of documentary proof, or an affidavit, as required by MPEP § 2144.03, in the event the rejection is maintained on these grounds.

Claims 2-7 depend from claim 1 and claims 9-12 depend from claim 8 and are therefore believed to be patentable, at least for the reasons stated above with respect to claims 1 and 8.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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